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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/329,140	HOLLERER ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5,25-31,39-42 and 50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5,25-31,39-42 and 50 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-5, 25-31, 39-42, 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent #5,678,015 (Goh). Rationales for the rejection continue to be as set forth in par. 3 of the last Office action.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by US patent #5,880,733 (Horvitz et al). Rationales for the rejection continue to be as set forth in par. 5 of the last Office action

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/15/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

REMARKS:

In response to the argument that neither Goh nor Hotvitz teach the claimed limitations (responsive to a user input event) displaying “the first information being related to the event” and “the second information being related to the event”. The claimed limitation is disclosed in both references. In Goh, responsive to user’s selecting “cube/formation” input event, the cube of figure 5 is displayed. The cube comprises a first window and a second window. Each of the windows displays information (desktop icons) related to the user input event (figure 5; col. 6, lines 14-19). Similarly, Horvitz’s three dimensional workspace windows are displayed in response to user activation input event.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure. Applicants are required under 37 CFR 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action.

Responses

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Inquires

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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